



# City mulls bottle ban

Only tap water eyed for hall

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**Bottled water has already been dropped by one Canadian city and others are considering similar moves — including HRM.**

The Globe and Mail reported city council in London, Ont., recently voted to eliminate sales of bottled water at arenas, community centres and all other city-run facilities.

Bottled water has become the subject of environment scorn because it is seen as needlessly wasteful and destructive to the planet.

"In the overall pantheon of consumer products it's one of the worst when it comes to a big environmental footprint and producing a lot of greenhouse gases," said Raymond Plourde of the Ecology Action Centre.

Mayor Peter Kelly said he's been in talks with staff about cutting bottled water out of city hall and other buildings, but says the city doesn't have much to do with bottled water to begin with.

"We don't supply water to very many locations," said Kelly. "We've been talking about it the last few weeks about having it done

## Enviro impact

• Ecology Action Centre's Raymond Plourde said bottled water is no healthier than tap but it takes petroleum to make the bottles, and there's pollution from transportation and distribution.

to city hall. Staff is looking into it."

Kelly said beyond that, the municipality just doesn't have the authority to stop anyone from selling bottled water. A spokesman for the province said they have no plans to change their approach, but they do encourage people to reduce usage and recycle.

Plourde at the Ecology Action Centre said the important thing is to kill the fad of unnecessarily buying water. He said Canada has perhaps the highest-quality water supplies in the world.

"I'd like to see people be more aware of the huge environmental footprint that that bottle of water represents, and to make a smart choice," he said.



Jill Pettipas of Dartmouth satiates her compulsive need to drink water by carrying around a metal water container. Some cities across Canada are making efforts to get rid of plastic water bottles. Mayor Peter Kelly said he's eyeing a ban for city hall and some public buildings.

## Volunteer firefighter still missing

**SEARCH** Search and rescue teams continued to search yesterday for a 61-year-old Petite Riviere man last seen Saturday.

More than 60 ground searchers from three search and rescue groups as well as a helicopter are trying to find Edwin Sperry, a volunteer fireman who was a skilled outdoorsman and knew the area well.

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## RCMP hunting for stolen dragon

**MASCOT** Who stole Emily the dragon?

RCMP are looking for the popular Miller Lake mascot, which was stolen Monday night. The dragon is placed in the water near Highway 102 every summer, and residents are upset she's gone missing.

If you have information about the theft, call RCMP or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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## Cops reward kids' efforts in gardens

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# Dion, Harper both consider forcing fall election

**POLITICS** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday he was considering forcing an election, which would end the minority Conservative government, but added timing was important.

"I'm considering different possibilities, and one of them is certainly to stop (having) strategic voting when we disagree with this government, and then to trigger an election is something we may do,"

Dion told a news conference.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Stephen Harper also said yesterday he would decide in coming weeks whether an election is needed to give a new man-

date to a Parliament that he has increasingly described as dysfunctional.

Polls put the Conservatives in a virtual tie with the main opposition Liberals, and Harper allowed that the most likely result

of a new vote would be another minority government.

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### News in brief

**CORRECTION** The information contained in the Cancer Survivors Share Hope story of August 18 erroneously stated that half of the dollars raised in the charity event go to a company called Cause Force. Cause Force does not take "50 cents of every dollar raised." Their flat fee for event logistics is part of an overall budget approved by the volunteer Boards of Trustees of both the IWK and QEII Foundations. Metro Halifax apologizes for the error.



Patricia Lewis, an employee at a Halifax convenience store, says she thinks children should be banned from drinking Red Bull energy drink because of the high caffeine content.

## Caution urged over Red Bull

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### EU label law

- The European Union has mandated that Red Bull and other energy drinks, starting later this year, carry "high caffeine content" labels.

Red Bull remains out of stock in France after the European Court of Justice decided late last week to uphold the country's ban on the popular energy drink.

Anna Leiper, a dietician with Capital Health in Nova Scotia, said while it may not be necessary for the province to ban the product, it's important not to ignore big statements made by other jurisdictions such as France.

"A lot of people focus on energy drinks but we've got to be careful with that — especially if it's mixed with alcohol," she said.

Instead of using energy drinks to boost energy, she

said, Nova Scotians should prioritize eating a balanced diet, staying hydrated with at least eight glasses of water or other liquids a day and getting enough rest.

And with the amount of caffeine in a Red Bull — about 80 milligrams, or the same amount as a coffee — people should limit their intake.

France's ban of the popular drink is in response to a number of health concerns including the death of one teen in Ireland several years ago.

## Call to cover health costs

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**As more Nova Scotians travel out of province for complicated medical procedures such as double-lung transplants, there's a call on the government to cover living expenses for those patients in need.**

"Hopefully the premier will see this as a priority and instruct staff to put together a program," said Liberal MLA Michel Samson yesterday.

But Sandra Winter, a Nova Scotian who's living in Toronto and on her second time around waiting for a double-lung transplant, says doling out more money doesn't solve the problem.

"There's a bigger picture and a collective way of looking at this before we get to the point that people are...needing that sort of bail out help," she said.

Winter had plenty of friends and family help fundraise for both her stays in Toronto but she said it would be most help-

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MLA Michel Samson

ful to have more support from Nova Scotia at the beginning of the process.

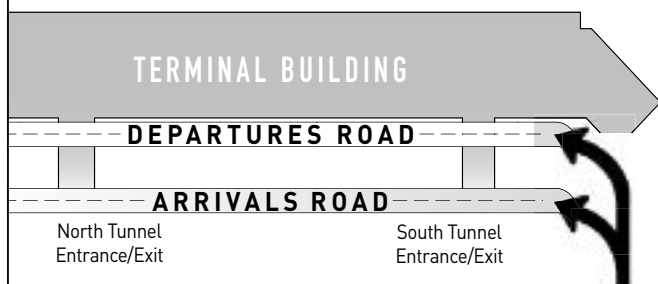
"I really feel that there should be a coordinator, a social worker who speaks to and prepares all people coming up here for a transplant," she said.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont said he doesn't think the province has the dollars available to cover the living expenses of Nova Scotians outside the province for treatment, but the department will take Winter's suggestion into consideration.

"It would make sense," he said. "It's probably the navigation piece that people don't really have help with."

Deputy Health Minister Cheryl Doiron said she would bring the idea forward to the next CEO meeting with district health authorities.

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# Transfers catching on

## Metro Transit passengers becoming more aware of new program

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**Metro Transit officials have kept fairly quiet about it, but for the past month riders have reaped the benefits of a new, cash-saving transfer system.**

Transfers now have a daily colour code and riders can hop on any bus, in any direction, for a duration of 90 minutes after paying their original fare with just one transfer.

"It's really good for short trips and errands and things like that," said Lizette Cormier, Metro Transit spokesperson.

The program was launched around the middle of July for the benefit of passengers and to make it easier for drivers and operators to identify the transfer of the day.

"It brings passengers in and out a lot quicker; it's much more efficient,"

Cormier said.

One transit user getting on a bus in south-end Halifax yesterday morning was thrilled with the new program because she could pick up groceries and use the same transfer to return home an hour later without paying a second fare.

Cormier said although there hasn't been a lot of advertising for the new system, most passengers are aware of it.

"Most of the passengers that use the system frequently are very much aware of what's going on," she said.

One of the reasons for the change was, of course, to entice Haligonians into riding the bus.

"We're always looking to get new passengers," Cormier said.

Cormier couldn't answer how much money Metro Transit was losing because of the new system, but she said there are no plans to increase fares anytime soon.



Paula Tempelaars boards a bus on Barrington Street yesterday afternoon. She said she didn't know about Metro Transit's new transfer system until two days ago, when she overheard a driver tell a passenger.

## Second groping incident reported

**ASSAULT** Yet another woman has been groped on the street. At 6:36 p.m. Monday, a woman was walking to work on Micmac Boulevard near the mall when a man touched her sexually. The suspect is a heavy-set white man with a dark tan, sporting blue and red shorts and an orange shirt with writing on it. He fled before police arrived. On Friday evening, a woman walking on Hollis Street had a suspect grab her breast.

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## News in brief

**CRIME** Police were called to Bayers Road and Romans Avenue at 11:40 p.m. Monday to help a man being assaulted with rocks. A group of about 10 males, aged 17 to 18, started throwing rocks at a man, then kicked him and knocked him to the ground. When he tried to get up, he was hit in the shoulder with a large rock and told to hand over all his money. The group then ran away, giving the victim a chance to flee.

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# Future of schools online: Think-tank

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**You can go to Harvard in Hubbards, and to Princeton in Pugwash. That's the way of the future in higher education, says the head of a Halifax think tank.**

"Your physical presence on the campus is not required," says Charles Cirtwill, executive vice-president at Atlantic Insti-

tute for Market Studies.

This alternative approach to higher learning, Cirtwill calls the "bits and bytes model," isn't confined to the current bricks and mortar model. Internet-based lectures and exams, after-hours classes and more flexible learning is already happening at some schools and will eventually become the most cost-effective way to deliver higher education.

"What's going to drive it

now is the fact that we're going to have a demographic crunch coming that is going to result in fewer professors, we're going to have fewer students, and the students are going to have to be working while studying," Cirtwill said.

He pointed to the market opportunity at Mount Saint Vincent University, already a leader in

distance education in Halifax. "They could deliver female-oriented post-secondary education to hundreds of thousands of women in the United States who have no other way to access post-secondary," Cirtwill said.

"Think of the growth the Mount could do, the staff they could hire, the interesting re-

search projects they could fund from delivering online education, and not to mention, the difference they could have in those women's lives."

Cirtwill spoke about the issue during a panel at the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations' three-day conference on higher education in Halifax.

Alex Usher, Educational Policy Institute director, was also a panelist. He said

that while there's room for efficiency and greater articulation between schools, he doesn't see the same revolutionary change on the horizon.

"Universities are finishing schools for our society," Usher said. "I just don't feel it changing."

"... A lot of what you're learning from (age) 18 to 22 is about talking to people and getting information out of them."



Charles Cirtwill

## Kids cultivating community

**HARVEST** It's not harvest time yet, but about 50 children from Uniacke Square are already reaping a return from planting a lush community garden in central Halifax.

The kids were rewarded for their dedication to the community yesterday with back-to-school backpacks, pencils and bracelets from the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP Veterans' Association.

"You should really be proud of what you're doing," N.S. President of the RCMP Veterans Association Terry Ryan told the children during an informal ceremony.

The backpacks, left over from a June crime conference in Halifax. The association decided they should be given to children who are contributing to their community.

With help from North End Community Health Centre volunteers, a grant and a few donations, the children dug up the plot on Wellington Park, added



Latayah Sweetland-Davis receives a backpack from Halifax Regional Police Const. Holly Thomas. The seven-year-old is one of about 50 kids who are growing a vegetable garden in Wellington Park.

fresh dirt, planted seeds and took turns weeding the garden every week.

"There's a lot of weeds," 13-year-old Lisa Fairn laughed.

She helped plant tomatoes, potatoes, Swiss chard, lettuce, herbs, hot red pep-

pers, onions and peas.

The kids will harvest the veggies next month. Then they will make and bottle salsa, to be sold at Gittingen Street restaurants, with help from the Black Business Initiative.

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## Scientists hoping to solve salmon mystery

**FISHERY** It's long been a mystery — lots of salmon go out into the ocean, but very few come back.

Now with the beginning of a new research project, scientists hope to understand within the next few years where and why salmon are dying off in such huge numbers at sea, and maybe reveal a way to prevent fish stocks from collapsing.

The Ocean Tracking Network plans to build a 180-

**"(In Maine) for every 140 fish that swim out to the ocean, only one comes back."**

Mike Stokesbury

km line on the ocean floor from Nova Scotia to the edge of the continental shelf. Acoustic transmitters attached to the fish allow scientists to track migration patterns.

Work began when 22 km of line was laid in May, and the first data was collected

in June.

"We found that we had log-ons from these fish we'd tagged from the Penobscot River in Maine," said Mike Stokesbury, director of research for the Ocean Tracking Network. "(In Maine) for every 140 fish that swim out to the ocean, only one comes back."

Though not quite as drastic, salmon stocks have similarly been struggling in much of Southern Nova Scotia. But before researchers can discover what is killing the fish, they need to find out where they're being killed. That's where the value of tracking comes in.

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# Canada/World

## Fall election looms

**With a public exchange of taunts and dares, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion are signalling a fall election is all but certain.**

It appears to be a question of when, not if. Harper said yesterday he would consult the other parties about the likelihood of a "productive fall session" and contacted Dion's office to set the wheels in motion.

Harper chided the Liberals for waffling on their election threats and repeated his own.

"The fact of the matter is that what I will have to decide over the next few weeks is ... whether in fact the government needs a

### Dion takes shot at Tories



• "This (Conservative) government is wracked with major ethical problems," said Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion yesterday, recalling broken promises and an RCMP raid on Conservative headquarters earlier this year related to an election-financing scheme.

new mandate," he said.

Dion "has indicated that the government should be defeated, but he's not sure when he'll do that because he hasn't got good enough polls," Harper added. "I don't think that's a particularly responsible position."

At a press conference in Ottawa, Dion said Canadians are ready for an election and that he's ready to replace a prime minister

he says can't be believed or trusted. But how he is going to go about precipitating that election remains elusive.

Dion would not be specific about when and how he might bring down the government.

The Bloc Québécois and the NDP have already stated that they want to defeat the government at the earliest opportunity, Harper said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Harper calls Chrétien 'hypocritical'

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Jean Chrétien is "hypocritical" in his stinging criticism of the Conservative government's approach to China.

Smarting from Chrétien's scolding this week in Quebec City that Harper's absence at the Olympics risks hurting

Canadian business interests, the prime minister pushed back hard.

"I indicated a long time ago I had no intention of attending (the Olympics). I have work to do in the country," Harper said.

"And I would just point out that Mr. Chrétien almost never attended

Olympics when he was prime minister in 13 years. So Mr. Chrétien is being a bit hypocritical."

Chrétien accused Harper of failing to nurture Canada's relationship with the economic powerhouse that China has become.

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Lawyers celebrate Perviz Musharraf's resignation in Karachi yesterday.

## Pakistan coalition divided

**A day after President Perviz Musharraf quit, Pakistan's fractious coalition government squabbled over the judiciary and a suicide bomb killed 25 people, underscoring the challenges the nation faces.**

Coalition leaders, who opposed Musharraf, met to tackle pressing economic and security problems and to discuss a new president, but got bogged down over

the fate of judges Musharraf purged last year.

The bickering, and the prospect of more to come, are likely to dismay investors and allies. "If they cannot agree on the restoration of the judges ... clearly something is not right with the coalition," said Credit Suisse analyst Farid Khan, adding the coming weeks are crucial.

"They need to get to the economy, and only a

strong government can make the tough decisions needed for the economy," Khan said.

Security is also a huge problem, as the suicide bomb attack by the Taliban at a hospital in the town of Dera Ismail Khan illustrated.

The bomber struck as Shiite Muslims were holding a protest against the killing of a leader earlier in the day. **REUTERS**

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## Dispute over Arctic may get frostier

**POLITICS** Canada's relations with Russia over disputed Arctic territory could become frostier as NATO members seek to discipline the country for its invasion of Georgia, a top aide to Prime Minister Stephen Harper said.

Canada, Russia and a number of other countries have laid claim to unmapped territory in the Arctic that may hold valuable oil and gas deposits.

The soft spot in bilateral relations has seen Russian reconnaissance aircraft enter Canadian airspace without permission in recent months.

Harper will take his cabinet to the Arctic next week for a four-day tour to highlight the importance the Conservative government places on the issue of northern sovereignty. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Russia dragging heels on pullout

**GORI** A column of Russian tanks and armoured vehicles left the Georgian town of Gori yesterday, but NATO said it was freezing contacts with Moscow until all Russian forces are out of the Black Sea state.

Western powers have called for an immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from the core of Georgia under a ceasefire plan that ended 10 days of fighting over the rebel province of South Ossetia.

### Digging in?

• Despite promises to withdraw, Russian troops near Gori were seen digging trenches near artillery positions.

NATO ministers backed this demand with a freeze on contacts, but did not announce moves to speed up Georgian accession to the military alliance, as Tbilisi had hoped.

Russian President Dmitri

Medvedev has said that Russian forces would pull back by Friday to the positions set out under the French-brokered ceasefire.

It would require most of them to withdraw to Russia or South Ossetia but the deal allows parts of the force to remain in a buffer zone around the breakaway region.

U.S. officials said they had not seen any substantial withdrawal so far. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**PARIS** French President Nicolas Sarkozy prepared to fly to Afghanistan yesterday after after 10 French soldiers were killed and 21 wounded in a clash with the Taliban on Monday. The soldiers were attacked when their unit was ambushed on a reconnaissance mission.

**MOSCOW** Mikhail Mukasei, a

well-decorated Soviet spy code named Zephyr who worked undercover in Europe and the United States for more than a quarter of a century, has died at 101 years of age, Russia's foreign intelligence agency said yesterday. During the Second World War, Mukasei gathered "highly valued" information linked to Japan's wartime

threat to the Soviet Union.

**CAIRO** A massive fire gutted the main building of Egypt's upper house of parliament yesterday, injuring 10. More than a dozen fire engines and helicopters were called to the scene. State-run media said the cause was probably a short-circuit. **REUTERS**



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## Russian energy deals at risk

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper allowed yesterday for the possibility of commercial natural gas deals with Russia being put at risk by Russia's military actions in neighbouring Georgia.**

Asked if such deals could

be at risk, Harper said: "We're examining obviously all aspects of our relationship. We're obviously focusing on aspects that have to do with the strategic and military situation, but we will of course review everything."

In May, Russia's Gazprom, the world's largest natural gas company, announced it was joining Enbridge Inc. Gaz Metro and Gaz de France in developing an \$840 million Cdn liquefied natural gas project in Quebec

The project would see Gazprom take an unspecified stake in the Rabaska LNG terminal on the St. Lawrence River at Levis, which is, across from Quebec City.

The project is scheduled to begin in 2014. **REUTERS**

## Newfoundland, Chevron to ink deal

**OIL** Newfoundland and Chevron Corp. will sign a deal today to develop the \$6-billion Cdn Hebron oil field, the province's fourth offshore producing project. Newfoundland will get a 4.9 per cent stake in the field for \$110 million. **REUTERS**

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### Lease fees lowered:

Cape Breton Railway Victims Association chairman Ken Jardine says that after months of wrangling, the Cape Breton Nova Scotia Railway and its parent company, Rail America has agreed to set annual lease fees at 10 per cent of the assessed value of land leased from the company. Jardine also has been granted a meeting with Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald.

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## In brief

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**TELEMARKETING** The creators of the "do not call" registry has decided to tighten rules restricting prerecorded sales calls, forcing telemarketers with prerecorded messages to give consumers a way to opt out in the United States. **REUTERS**

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## Field hockey

Canada finally got its first men's field hockey win yesterday, with a 5-3 effort over South Africa. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Beijing Games

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## Despatie exceeds expectations

Canadian diver overcomes injury to snatch silver at Beijing Olympics

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"We don't think he can overcome his injury problems," came the reply. "He was probably our best bet before he got hurt, but we don't like his chances now."

So see what the COC saw?

Members of the Canadian Olympic Committee, who are responsible for anything and everything regarding this country's involvement in the Games, did not think diver **Alexandre Despatie** would win a medal in Beijing.

I know because, while preparing for Metro's coverage of the Olympics a few months ago, I picked the brains of several COC members in an effort to determine who Canadians could count on to garner medals during these Olympics.

I took notes, of course, but I assured the members they wouldn't be identified, so they shared their thoughts.

"The obvious medal hopefuls," one of the COC voices told me, "are the men's eight rowing team and (kayaker) **Adam van Koeverden**. **Brent Hayden** is a world-class swimmer and we think he has a great chance, too. And we think **Tyler Christopher** has a shot in track."

"What about Despatie?" I asked. "He's a world champion."

**"As far as I'm concerned, my silver medal is gold to me, because of all the bad things that happened to me this year."**

Alexandre Despatie

had the same opinion about myself if I didn't know myself so well. I knew I could bounce back."

Despatie fractured his right foot in April after kicking, of all things, a soccer ball. That caused him to miss seven weeks of training and prevented him from attending the Olympic diving trials. He qualified for the Olympics in early July, only after at-

tempting the Canadian junior national championships and proving his fitness to a panel of judges.

And, despite a foot injury and back problems, Despatie finished second yesterday in the men's three-metre springboard in Beijing.

"I could sense people gave up on me," the 23-year-old Quebecer said. "I knew what they were thinking and I might have known myself so well. I knew I could bounce back."

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tending the Canadian junior national championships and proving his fitness to a panel of judges.

"I had to prove a lot to many people, but I never gave up hope on myself," Despatie said. "And, as far as I'm concerned, my silver medal is gold to me, because of all the bad things that happened to me this year."

Despatie's silver is one of 13 Canadian medals in Beijing, surpassing the 12 our nation won in Athens in 2004. There are more to come — van Koeverden almost certainly will ensure that — and, as the 2008 Olympics wind down, Canada's athletes really aren't doing too terribly.

They've even exceeded the expectations of their own governing body.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Battling back from a broken foot suffered in April, Canada's **Alexandre Despatie** won a silver medal in the men's 3-metre diving competition yesterday in Beijing.



RICHARD LAUTENS/ONSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Van Koeverden betters his record

**CANOE-KAYAK** Canadian **Adam van Koeverden** got the defence of his Olympic K-1 500 metres title off to the perfect start yesterday, beating his own world best time and pledging to go faster.

Van Koeverden, unbeaten during the 2008 World Cup season, won the first heat of the day in 1:35.554 by almost a second.

"I am happy to hear that I have broken it (the best time) but I can definitely go faster than that," said the Oakville, Ont., native.

## Argentina powers into soccer final

**SOCCER** Argentina defeated Brazil 3-0 yesterday in a mouth-watering Olympic semifinal between two of the world's greatest men's soccer powers.

Sergio Aguero scored a pair of goals for Argentina as frustrated Brazil had two men sent off.

Brazil have won the World Cup five times but never an Olympic gold.

Nigeria reached the soccer final with a 4-1 thrashing of Belgium in the other semi. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	U.S.	26	26	27	79
#2	China	43	14	19	76
#3	Russia	10	14	18	42
#4	Australia	11	12	12	35
#5	Britain	16	9	8	33
#6	France	4	11	14	29
#7	Germany	11	8	9	28
#8	South Korea	8	10	6	24
#9	Japan	8	6	8	22
#10	Italy	6	6	7	19
#11	Ukraine	5	4	8	17
#12	Netherlands	4	5	4	13
#13	Canada	2	6	5	13

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Despite a 4-0 win over the Netherlands, Canada was eliminated from medal contention in baseball yesterday. Brooks McNiven of Vancouver, left, allowed just a single hit and no walks over six innings. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Beijing Games



Bronze medallist Priscilla Lopes-Schliep of Canada, right, leaps into the arms of silver winner Sally McLellan of Australia after the results of the women's 100-metre hurdles final were announced.

## Photo finish nets medal for Canadian hurdler

**ATHLETICS** Canadian Priscilla Lopes-Schliep won bronze in the women's 100-metre hurdles yesterday at the Beijing Olympics in photo finish.

Dawn Harper of the United States raced to the gold in 12.54 seconds, but there was no clear silver or bronze winners among a group of four women who trailed her.

After a couple of minutes wait, Australia's Sally McLellan was awarded silver and Lopes-Schliep, a native of Whitby, Ont., took bronze with the same time of 12.64.

McLellan and Lopes-Schliep, 25, jumped up and down hugging each other when the result was finally flashed up on the screen.

"It was really close, when I saw 'photo finish.' I was on pins and needles, I didn't know what happened," Lopes-Schliep told CBC Sports. "All of us just dipped for that line. It was an intense race and I came through and got the third, so I'm very pleased."

Lopes-Schliep's medal is Canada's first Olympic athletics medal since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

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# Burnett flips for silver

Canadian not fretting questionable judging in Beijing

**Not to be flip about it. But Canada just got bounced out of gold in trampoline yesterday.**

Pipped at the post by China again, and this time home field advantage may have had something to do with the outcome.

Exhibit A: Jason Burnett, with a 16.8 degree of difficulty in his 10-trick routine, hardest program in the field, certainly riskiest, particularly that double layout with four twists — going backwards.

Exhibit B: Lu Chunlong, with a 16.2 degree of difficulty, nice but not especially notable.

Must have picked up lots of form points, however, to seize gold, the "execution" part of trampoline a totally subjective judgment, in front of an audience that might not have accepted anything less. Own the podium indeed.

Burnett, the 21-year-old Toronto resident, was second out of the chute yesterday, scoring 40.70. Lu, top qualifier, got up on the apparatus last and came down with 41.00.



Toronto's Jason Burnett jumped to Canada's second silver in trampoline in as many days yesterday in Beijing. Toronto's Karen Cockburn won the first on Monday.

"I think the home crowd advantage gave the Chinese lad a bit of a boost," Canadian coach and trampoline guru Dave Ross suggested mildly. "That was enough to put Jason into second place. To me, he did the best routine today."

No matter, really. Burnett was over the moon about his silver medal, which matched the result from 24 hours previous by teammate Karen Cockburn, similarly inched out by a Chinese female.

"That rocks! That was awesome!" Burnett crowed

after climbing down from the second-step podium.

He would not be drawn into any unsportsmanlike commentary about the scoring or the hypothesis that he'd been jobbed. "Some people might think so but I can't say."

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## Power falls short in Olympic debut

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**ATHLETICS** East Jeddore sprinter Adrienne Power made her Olympic debut yesterday in Beijing and was eliminated after advancing to the quarter-finals in the women's 200 metres.

Power, who was battling through a sprained ankle suffered earlier this month, placed fifth among eight runners in her first-round heat in 23.40 seconds, qualifying for the quarter-finals.

But her time of 23.51 seconds in the quarters later yesterday placed her sixth among eight runners, 0.75 of a second short of a top-three placing and a berth in the semifinals.

Here are Nova Scotia's other Olympic results yesterday:

- Dartmouth paddler Andrew Russell advanced to tomorrow's semifinals in the C-2 500 metres with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Seigny of



East Jeddore's Adrienne Power failed to reach the semifinals in the women's 200 metres yesterday in Beijing.

Trois-Rivieres, Que. The pair's time of 1:43.189 was good for fifth spot but was not enough for a bye to the final.

Russell has already qualified for Saturday's C-2 1,000 final.

- Waverley paddler Karen Furneaux placed seventh in K-1 500 qualifying with a time of 1:54.065, qualifying for tomorrow's semifinal but falling short of a bye to the final.



**Cobourne captures weekly CFL honours**

Three Montreal Alouettes, including running back Avon Cobourne, were among those selected as the CFL's top players for Week 8. The defensive prize went to Montreal defensive tackle Keron Williams. Toronto's Dominique Dorsey captured the special teams honor. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports



## Red Sox' Beckett to miss next start

Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Beckett, left, will miss his scheduled start against the Blue Jays on Saturday because of numbness in the pinky and ring finger on his right hand. The 28-year-old righty confirmed he has persevered through the injury for most of the season and felt he needed some time off. Beckett was roughed up for eight runs on eight hits in less than three innings against Toronto on Sunday, and is just 2-4 in his last six starts. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Blue Jays topple Yankees

## Damon's misplay in outfield allows winning run

**Blue Jays 2 Yankees 1**

**Twice, Johnny Damon had balls clank in and out of his glove last night.**

The first time, he took an error but the Yanks escaped unscathed. The second was deadly, pushing across the margin of victory in a large 2-1 Blue Jay win over the New York Yankees.

Marco Scutaro did the delivering with what was ruled a double, cashing a two-out Joe Inglett single with a ball Damon trailed to the warning track — then dropped.

Prime beneficiary — besides the Jays, we mean — was A.J. Burnett, who climbed to 16-9 with eight

innings of 13-strikeout five-hitter. It was his sixth straight win. B.J. Ryan worked a one-hit ninth for his 24th save.

Adam Lind ripped a one-out homer in the seventh to square a game the Jays had trailed since the first.

Yankees starter Darrell Rasner had toted a two-hit shutout into the seventh but Lind disrupted that with a jolt that carried majestically — just — into the New York bullpen.

A 3-2 slider, apparently, giving Lind nine homers on the season and three in as many games.

"I didn't think he got it. It didn't sound good off the bat but we kept talking to it and it listened," Burnett said of Lind's home run.

Of his own mound exploits, Burnett was somewhat modest. Even though he's been scorching lately, he didn't want to talk about hitting the 20-victory mark.

"Probably too early to talk about 20 wins. Way too early," he said.

Jays manager Cito Gaston felt some sympathy for Yankees goat Damon.

"This guy's a good outfielder. I think if the roof's closed, that's gonna be a home run anyway. That ball started to get small real quick then just got knocked down," said Gaston, who was nonetheless glad to take the run and the victory.

"It would have been a tough one to lose, any time

you get that kind of pitching performance," Gaston added.

The come-from-behind verdict before 37,221 at the Rogers Centre nudged the Jays five games over .500 for the first time since May 30 and to within a game of the Yankees for third place in the AL East.

Last night's showdown marked the third game in a killer run of 28 straight against teams ranked ahead of them in the wild-card chase.

That would be division rivals Tampa, Boston (here for three beginning Friday) and the Yankees, of course, but also Central Division front-runners Chicago and Minnesota.

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Toronto Blue Jays starter A.J. Burnett pitched eight innings, allowing only five hits and one run while striking out 13 batters to lead the Jays to a 2-1 win over the New York Yankees last night.

# Nadal, Ivanovic top seeds at U.S. Open

**TENNIS** Rafael Nadal and Ana Ivanovic, both ranked world No. 1, were named yesterday as the top seeds for the U.S. Open which begins at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

It is the first time that Spaniard Nadal, who replaced Roger Federer at the top of the men's rankings on Monday, has been the top seed at a grand-slam tournament.

Federer, who has won the U.S. Open in each of the past four years, is seeded second, the first time he

has not been the top seed in a grand slam since the Australian Open of 2004.

Novak Djokovic, the Australian Open champion and runner-up to Federer last year in New York, is seeded third, with Spaniard David Ferrer fourth.

French Open champion Ivanovic, chasing her first U.S. Open title, heads the women's list for the first time, with fellow Serbian Jelena Jankovic at number two.

**REUTERS**

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic has been named the top seed in the women's draw at the U.S. Open.

## Canada wins, but eliminated

**BASEBALL** Canada's entry at the Little League World Series finally has its first win. Trailing 5-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, the squad from B.C., rallied for five runs en route to a 7-5 win over Saudi Arabia. They finish the round robin at 1-2, which is not good enough to advance.

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## Sports in brief

**MLB** Baltimore Orioles closer George Sherrill was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with left shoulder inflammation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## SCOREBOARD

MLB			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
Tampa Bay	77	48	.616
Boston	72	53	.576
N.Y. Yankees	66	59	.528
Toronto	65	60	.520
Baltimore	60	64	.484
CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
Chicago Sox	71	53	.573
Minnesota	70	54	.565
Detroit	61	64	.488
Cleveland	56	67	.451
Kansas City	55	69	.444
WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
L.A. Angels	76	48	.613
Texas	62	64	.492
Oakland	57	67	.460
Seattle	46	78	.371
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
N.Y. Mets	68	57	.544
Philadelphia	66	58	.532
Florida	64	61	.512
Atlanta	56	69	.448
Washington	44	81	.352
CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
Chicago Cubs	76	48	.613
Milwaukee	72	54	.571
St. Louis	70	57	.551
Houston	63	62	.504
Pittsburgh	56	69	.448
Cincinnati	55	70	.440
WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	PCT
Arizona	64	60	.516
L.A. Dodgers	64	60	.516
Colorado	57	69	.452
San Francisco	53	71	.427
San Diego	48	76	.387
LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS			
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Edmonton	4	3	0
Calgary	4	3	0
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# Huskies, Glavic to take field

Long off-season finally over for last year's Vanier Cup runner-up

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**Steve Sumarah won't need to conduct any ice-breakers when the Saint Mary's Huskies open training camp on Friday.**

The Huskies' football head coach has very few new faces to a team that made a remarkable run to last year's Vanier Cup final, with 70 returnees and only 10 departures.

It's been a long off-season for the Huskies, who last took to the field on Nov. 23 at Rogers Centre in Toronto in a 28-14 loss to the Manitoba Bisons in the national final.

"I can't wait to get this going," Sumarah said. "The off-season goes on and on and on, and now it's like, 'OK, let's get on the field.' With recruiting and everything in between, you really look forward to getting the season started."

All eyes will be on the quarterback position when the Huskies open camp,

with reigning Hec Crighton winner Erik Glavic still on the mend from a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Glavic will be on the field starting Saturday, throwing the ball and running quarterback drills. But the coaching staff won't put him behind the offensive line in live drills.

It's not certain when Glavic will be ready to start, but Sumarah believes it will be at some point this season.

"I'll stand by that for now," Sumarah said. "I think he'll at some point be ready to go. The big question is, when? Dr. (William) Stanish feels he's hit all his benchmarks. It falls on the athlete. When he feels ready to go, he's ready to go."

Sophomore Ted Abraham is the favourite to start against the Acadia Axemen in the season-opener on Sept. 5, but rookie Jack Creighton, a heavily-recruited high-school stand-out from Ontario, appears

capable of forcing the issue.

"Maybe it's Jack's time to be that guy? You just never know, and that's why we're running camp," Sumarah said. "That's what I like about this. I'll know in a week or so (who's starting). You have thoughts but you try to keep an open mind."

The most notable loss for the Huskies is second-team all-Canadian defensive back Tim St. Pierre to the CFL. Running back Jaques Lumbala and offensive lineman Isaac Robinson — both Atlantic all-stars — are among the other key losses.

Defensive back Joel Lipinski, a former all-Canadian with the Regina Rams, is a key addition, along with Creighton, wide receivers Adam Dragisic and Jahmeek Murray, and running back Devon Jones.

Camp runs until Aug. 30 at Huskies Stadium. The Huskies begin their regular practice schedule on Sept. 1.



Reigning Hec Crighton winner Erik Glavic is hoping to be fully recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament so he can take his place at quarterback for the Saint Mary's Huskies.

## Moose games head to 780 KIXX

**HOCKEY** The Halifax Mooseheads have a new home on the radio dial — on the AM band with 780 KIXX Country.

John Moore, entering his 11th season behind the microphone as the Mooseheads' play-by-play man, will host 24 of 34 road games with colour commentator Chris Tremblay.

Moore was unable to secure the airtime for 10 road games.

"KIXX already had contracts in place for that airtime," Moore said. "In an ideal world, we would have broadcast all 34 games, but we just didn't have that option."

It should be noted that Moore's play-by-play for all 34 road games will be web-cast online at lhjmq.qc.ca.

Moore's game calls have traditionally been carried on 920 CJCH, a station that underwent significant programming changes after moving to the FM dial earlier this year.

For home games, Moore will host his usual 30-minute Rink Rant pre-game show and a 60-minute post-game show.

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side mirror accents and eyebrow above the rear licence plate. The two-wheel-drive Taurus in Limited trim begins at \$35,252 while the all-wheel-drive version carries a \$37,922 sticker price.

After a week with our loaded all-wheel-drive Limited model, which stickered at around \$45,000, we'd say the upgrades to this reborn



A 20 per cent quieter interior and Ford's ground-breaking hi-tech Sync communications and entertainment system all add to the overall appeal.

Taurus were a success.

The key change is a new 3.5-litre V6 which replaces the previous 3.0-litre Duratec six. Horsepower jumps by 60 to 263 hp, with a similarly substantial bump in the torque department top that helps deliver better off-the-line performance. Simply put, there's now enough power going through the standard six-speed automatic transmission to move out this new five-seat sedan respectfully.

Note too, that by today's standards this is a rare, proper, full-size family sedan, with a capital "F".

The Taurus is only 24 cm

### 2008 Ford Taurus Limited AWD

**Type:** Full-size 5-pass. sedan AWD  
**Price:** \$37,922  
**Engine:** 3.5L V6 DOHC  
**HP:** 263 @ 6,250 rpm  
**Torque:** 249 @ 4,500 rpm

#### Highlights

- Crisp fashionable styling
- Quieter interior
- Improved performance
- Generous trunk room
- Safety protection

shorter than the old Mercury Grand Marquis model and actually has more trunk volume — by a healthy 17 litres.

A 20 per cent quieter interior, improved front suspension travel (which translates into better ride comfort) and Ford's ground-breaking hi-tech Sync communications and entertainment system all add to the overall appeal. Additional front side airbags and Ford's Safety Canopy side curtain airbags for both seat rows are standard.

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Ford will be making its innovative Blind Spot Mirror standard equipment on the 2009 Edge model.

## Ford's eyesight to the blind spot

In a move to address driver demands for increased visibility Ford has pushed ahead by one year its innovative Blind Spot mirror, making it standard equipment on the 2009 Edge model.

The mirror offers better visibility for drivers as they change lanes or parallel park.

This affordable technology will debut later this year and eventually will be offered on several future Ford and Lincoln vehicles as standard equipment.

The Blind Spot Mirror is a traditional side view mir-

ror designed with a secondary convex spotter in the top outer corner, which provides a view of the driver's blind spot.

When traffic enters the driver's blind spot on either side of the vehicle, it is visible in the secondary convex mirror, alerting the driver of potential danger.

The push to develop the Blind Spot Mirror and migrate it across its lineup comes as a result of careful customer research, said Kelly Kohlstrand with Ford's Advanced Product Marketing and Technology Planning team.



## Turtle tale

Xcaret Park on the Mayan Riviera is celebrating its sea turtle conservation program with a kid-friendly exhibit called 15 Years of Sea Turtles, Xcaret, 1993-2008. The program has protected and released more than 1,900 turtles. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Travel



## Comfy pet travel

Travel can be stressful for many dogs and cats long before you factor in those hard containers with cage-style doors and windows. The Sleepypod, left, is a versatile alternative that lets a pet up to 15 pounds stretch out in comfort. The dome top can be removed or adjusted to minimize fear and stress. The Sleepypod can fit in the back seat of a car; a Sleepypod Mini suits pets up to seven pounds, and fits under an airplane seat. Visit [meowme.com](http://meowme.com). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Witnessing extreme acts of faith in Sri Lanka

For the uninitiated, self-harm can be hard to grasp

## TheTravelJunkie

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A dozen spiritual leaders sit in a neat row. Heads wrapped in green fabric, they chant in harmony; their palms drum faster on tambourines and the music grows more intense. I know what lies ahead and I'm worried.

I'm attending a lesser-known event that happens in the recesses of the Kataragama festival, a two-week long holy gathering in Sri Lanka that attracts 100,000 Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim pilgrims. Devotees, many of whom travel for weeks to get to this auspicious city, have come to worship and perform acts of self-mutilation.

Seated in a semi-circle among the crowd, I watch as a man with a long grey beard and a white sarong wrapped around his waist steps up. He starts dancing around, slowly working himself into a trance.

Next to a few sticks of burning incense, I see a set of tools, like something out of a medieval torturer's handbook. He reaches for them, preparing to do the unfathomable. I recoil



Deep in a religious trance, pilgrims perform acts of self-mutilation to show their faith.

**"This is one of those random travel moments when I have to ask myself, 'Is this really happening?'"**

as he takes a knife and hammers it into his own skull. To the worshippers, this is a chance to prove their complete devotion to God.

The drums beat faster. The man, unfazed by the knife poking out of his head, reaches for a second knife. He hammers the sharp end in with a small rock. The pain must be excruciating, but in this trance-like state of mind, he appears to feel nothing.

He dances around, with two knives sticking out of his head. I watch transfixed.

This is one of those random travel moments when I have to ask myself, "Is this really happening?"

It takes two people to pull the knives out of his head. Little droplets of blood splatter all over his white sarong as the music crescendos. This isn't an illusion. This is the real deal.

A succession of people get up to perform a variety of gut-wrenching acts. One man's cheek is pierced and nailed to a nearby palm tree; another man cuts his own tongue as if chopping up a piece of celery.

Then a young boy who looks about 13 is pulled from the crowd. He calmly offers his arm, which is pierced with a long metallic shard.

I'm not particularly religious, and I find it hard to understand why people would do these things to themselves. I learn that there can be a variety of reasons for such acts — voluntary self-punishment, proclamation of faith and proof of invincibility among them.

It seems that around the world, across many major faiths and throughout history, self-mutilation for religious purposes is a recurring theme.

An eye-opening experience, for certain.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN, and editor of [thetraveljunkie.ca](http://thetraveljunkie.ca).

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Superman emeritus Dean Cain, along with The Cable Guy's Conrad Janis and 7th Heaven's Maximilian Roeg, have been cast in the horror-thriller Maneater, according to the Hollywood Reporter. **E! ONLINE**

# Entertainment



## Sleeper for Tom

Tom Cruise is striking while the Iron Man (and Batman) are hot, eyeing a comic-book adaptation of his own. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Cruise will develop DC Comics' Sleeper. **E! ONLINE**

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### In brief

**CONCERTS** Bad Religion will perform at the Forum on Oct. 1. Tickets are \$29.20 in advance and \$38.50 on the day of the show. They go on sale tomorrow at noon. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit [soniconcerts.com](http://soniconcerts.com). David Usher will perform at the Rebecca Cohn on Oct. 20. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of. They go on sale this Friday at noon. Call 494-3820 or visit [soniconcerts.com](http://soniconcerts.com).

**MUSIC** The Great Atlantic Blues & Beyond Festival (Sept. 19 to 22) is looking for volunteers. Volunteers get a day pass for the day worked, a T-shirt and a meal voucher for \$10. Contact Roxanne Perry at [roxanne.perry@hotmail.com](mailto:roxanne.perry@hotmail.com) or call 222-6002 during evenings only.

**HOP ON DOWN** Casino Nova Scotia presents The Hopping Penguins in the Harbourfront Room nightly tomorrow through Sunday. All shows are free. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Rocker never gets rolling

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### The Rocker

**Director:** Peter Cattaneo  
**Stars:** Rainn Wilson, Josh Gad  
**Classification:** PG-13  
**Rating:** @@@

**REVIEW** The Rocker isn't exactly a detestable knockoff of The School of Rock, but it's about as original, and as funny, as a Yesterday cover.

Rainn Wilson plays Fish, a 1980s hair metal drummer axed from his band just before they hit superstardom. He gets his second chance some 20 years later drumming for his teen nephew's (Josh Gad) alt-rock group, after a clip of Fish rehearsing in the buff makes its way on the Internet, propelling the band to superstardom.

It's a recycled premise: Burnt-out, heavy metal man-child brings insecure kids out of their shells by educating them about the greatness of the rock gods while he gains a sense of parental responsibility.

The Peter Cattaneo-directed (The Full Monty) film is far too sterilized for the Hannah Montana-tween audiences to get any real laughs, and the script doesn't play to Wilson's cerebral comedic strengths.

The film does have its bright lights. Saturday Night Live's Jason Sudeikis plays the sleazebag manager to a tee. Will Arnett shines as the corrupt airhead lead singer of the band that exiled Fish.

That said, The Rocker feels like the kind of skit SNL runs after 12:30 a.m., the one that gets moderate chuckles in its first few minutes but wears out quickly.



Rich Terfry, a.k.a. Buck 65, first heard rap on the CBC Radio show Brave New Waves.

## Radio play for Buck 65

Award-winning rapper to host show on CBC Radio 2

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**It was in his parents' Mount Uniacke home, listening to CBC Radio's late-night show Brave New Waves, where a young Rich Terfry first heard rap music.**

"I had my dial welded so I couldn't actually change it once I had it on a good strong signal for the CBC," said the hip-hop artist known as Buck 65. "It presented so much music that was new to me."

Terfry will have the chance to inspire other people's imagination as the host of CBC Radio 2's new show, Radio 2 Drive. It will air weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m., starting Tuesday, Sept. 2.

"We really want to set up a listening experience for the audience," the Juno-winner said.

"So sometimes, that doesn't mean presenting

**"I suppose radio gives you an opportunity to use your imagination."**

Buck 65

the facts, but painting a picture.

"It's like baseball. It is on TV, but it was also on the radio, and I chose to listen to it on the radio. I suppose radio gives you an opportunity to use your imagination."

Terfry was offered the position after he auditioned — along with more than 400 others — to host

a new show on Radio 2, which is trying to become more relevant to listeners.

"I didn't give it serious thought because I have this whole other career — but that probably means I went in loose and wasn't nervous," Terfry said about the audition.

He was offered the job just before leaving for China to tour in support of his latest album, Situation.

Terfry is no stranger to radio. He was a host on CK-DU in Halifax for more than a decade. He loved every minute of it.

"This job came along with pretty good timing. I wrapped up a year of touring all around the world, and it was my plan to take the following year off and do some writing," Terfry said.

"This is an opportunity for storytelling, which is what I have done in my music and on stage. That's the area of this job I really feel I can sink my teeth in."

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TODAY'S COUNTRY



Avril too sexy for Malaysia

An Avril Lavigne, left, concert scheduled for later this month in Malaysia has been cancelled amid complaints that the show by the Canadian rock singer is "too sexy."

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# Milwaukee erects bronze Fonz

## IntelleVision

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A life-size monument of Henry Winkler ("The Fonz") is the latest in a trend of commemorative TV show statues being created.

**FONZ IN BRONZE:** I don't think I'm alone in thinking that there's something a bit sad about the commemorative statues to long-gone TV shows being erected by the cities in which they were putatively set. Every year a new one is dedicated, and this week Milwaukee got its own, to join the memorials to prime time past in cities like Minneapolis, Chicago, New York, Salem, Mass and Raleigh, NC, dedicated to the posterity of TV characters such as Mary Richards, Dr. Robert Hartley, Ralph Kramden, Samantha Stephens and Sherriff Andy Taylor.

If you don't recognize any of those names, don't worry — these bronze likenesses aren't meant for you, but for those fervent souls who will put a detour in their week-

end, or even their vacation, to travel to the street corner where they're on display, to beg passersby to take a quick snap of them throwing their knitted hat in the air. The keen of eye will notice that they all celebrate shows that were popular from the '50s to the '70s — the heyday of boomer primetime pop culture.

Toronto has its own TV memorial to Al Waxman, the man who played Larry King

on The King Of Kensington. The statue is in Kensington Market, appropriately, though it's of Waxman as himself, and not in character. It's also unique in that the show it commemorates was actually filmed in the same city where it was set, unlike every other TV memorial, including the newest to Henry Winkler as Arthur "The Fonz" Fonzarelli from ABC's Happy Days.

Milwaukee's media were

out in force to cover the unveiling, with no less than three columns in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel on the significance of the life-sized (5'6" — Winkler is not a giant) statue of The Fonz, thumbs up as he delivered his trademark catchphrase. (I won't repeat it here — ask your dad). TV columnist Tim Cuprisin wondered about the local inspirations for Arnold's Drive-In and the all-American Cunningham family, while Jim Stingl followed around cast members as they visited local points of interest (the MillerCoors brewery, the Harley-Davidson museum).

Eugene Cane got the bleaker task of comparing the bygone setting of the show (the late '50s, theoretically, though by the end of its 11-season run it was set in some temporal no-man's land) with the grimmer realities of Milwaukee today. "Nobody worried Joanie would come home pregnant because girls her age didn't get pregnant," Cane wrote. "The Cunninghams lived in the city, not the suburbs, and they were proud of it." Sorry

to quibble, but girls Joanie's age did get pregnant back then — I'm living proof of that. Milwaukee's ownership of Happy Days with its bronze Fonz is touching, but the show was only barely about Milwaukee, and more about the first stages of

boomer nostalgia for the comfortable home life their generation's leading lights had so noisily rejected mere years before.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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## critics' corner

**Supernatural**  
It's only a TV show — yeah, right. Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) become contestants on a reality television show that investigates paranormal events. But this is a bit too real; on a visit to a haunted mansion, several members of the brothers' team meet some very gruesome ends. A.J. Buckley, Travis Wester and Dustin Milligan guest star in "Ghostfaceders." 11 PM on SPACE



**Supernanny**  
Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do when she comes for you? In this episode, Jo Frost faces what might be her toughest case yet: two brothers, 7 and 6 years old, who didn't get the memo that you aren't supposed to hit Supernanny. Before Jo can get the boys under control, though, she needs to perform an attitude adjustment on their father. 10 PM on ABC

**Mad Men**  
Nothing like taking unfair advantage of a bad situation. In "Indian Summer," Roger's (John Slattery) problems at work have Don (Jon Hamm) seeing an opportunity. Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) has yet more issues at home, and Betty (January Jones) tries to find an outlet for her growing dissatisfaction. 10 PM on BRVO





Transformers star Megan Fox is sure to upset cancer experts and dermatologists — by insisting the sun and sea work wonders for her. She says, "I find that being out in the sun is better for you than people think." **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Mom inspired cancer battle: Applegate

**SURVIVOR** Actress Christina Applegate knew she would survive breast cancer — because she watched her own mother battle with the disease for years, imdb.com reports.

The 36-year-old star underwent a double mastectomy following her diagnosis with the deadly illness last month — leaving her "clear" of any tumours.

And she insists her mother Nancy — a two-time breast cancer survivor — was her saviour throughout the battle.

She says, "I watched (my mother) have a mastectomy, and then I watched her go through two years of

chemotherapy and eight surgeries and a hysterectomy. I've watched this woman survive ... so for me there was always that sense I was going to be okay, no matter what.

"I really love living and I really love my life and I knew from this moment on there was only going to be good that was going to be coming.

"Yeah, I'm going to face challenges, but you can't get any darker than where I've been. So just knowing that in my soul gave me the strength to just say I have to get out there and make this a positive."

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## Kate running to Owen?

**RELATIONSHIPS** Kate Hudson is reportedly trying to reconcile with Owen Wilson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Fool's Gold actress is said to have been bombarding the Wedding Crashers star with phone calls since her split from cyclist Lance Armstrong last month, and although her old flame initially wasn't interested, he is now considering rebuilding their relationship for a third time.

A source said:

"He was frosty at first. He felt betrayed when she dumped him for his friend Lance. But after a while, he caved in and has been sweet to her."

The pair first dated in 2006 after meeting on the set of You, Me and Dupree.

Owen attempted suicide soon after their break-up in June 2007. They enjoyed a brief reconciliation earlier this year.

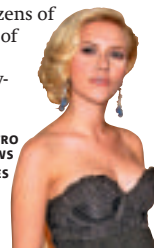
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## celebrity brief Kanye's crush? Sexy Scarlett

**IMAGE** Kanye West is a proud fan of Scarlett Johansson, usmagazine.com reports. The rapper posted a blog on his official site entitled "MY FAVORITE WHITE GIRL!!!!!!!" that consists of her name and dozens of photos of her — scantily-clad.

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

**O**bviously Megan Fox is one to shy away from speaking her mind on controversial subjects. She has revealed that she likes the sun! Also on her list of 'turn-ons' are food, oxygen, shelter, and walking erect.

If **Britney Spears** thinks her legal fees are too high, she has only herself to blame. She should have represented herself in court, like **K-Fed** did. Apparently his rap version of Inherit the Wind really swung the custody battle his way.

Will **Kate Hudson** and **Owen Wilson** be third time lucky? You know, there's an unwritten law about not trying to get back with someone who once attempted suicide when you broke up with them before. Of course, the fact that it's unwritten may explain why **Kate Hudson** hasn't read it. That's why I'm writing it now: Step away from the tousle-haired man-child, harlot, if he dies **Ben Stiller's** movies will become even less funny than they already are.

So **Paris Hilton** has denied ever having plastic surgery to enhance the size of her breasts. Now keep an eye on her nose, to see if that gets any bigger.

The aftermath of the Anisyer break up is taking up more time than the actual relationship did, with both **Jennifer Aniston** and **John Mayer** giving conflicting reports as to who did the dumping. This happened, over and over again, when we were all in Grade 7. There's the bell, recess is over.

## celebrity brief

### Aniston wasn't dumped: Pal

**RELATIONSHIPS** Apparently, John Mayer angered Jennifer Aniston's pals when he told photographers over the weekend that he "ended" the relationship. "He's acting like a spoiled child," an Aniston pal snipped to MSNBC's Courtney Hazlett. "Expect Jen to behave like a lady." (Incidentally, the source adds, "it's she who ended the relationship.")

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## Paris' rep denies boob job

**RUMOUR** Paris Hilton has slammed reports she has undergone plastic surgery to enhance the size of her breasts, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress — who once flaunted her petite A-cups on the cover of U.S. magazine Vanity Fair — sparked rumours she has had breast implants after she was recently photographed

with a noticeably larger chest.

But a spokesperson for Hilton insists she hasn't had her breasts surgically altered, crediting "a prototype from her Paris Hilton 'push-up' bra line" for the star's enlarged cleavage. The representative adds: "Paris has never had plastic surgery." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## celebrity brief

### Britney owes hefty lawyer fees

**COURTS** Who said getting back on track was cheap? Stacy Phillips, one of the members of Britney Spears' legal team, has filed a declaration in Los Angeles Superior Court saying the Sometimes I Run songstress

owes \$338,414.87 to Phillips, eonline.com reports. There are rumours of a lawsuit in the works because Spears' camp is objecting to the hefty sum.

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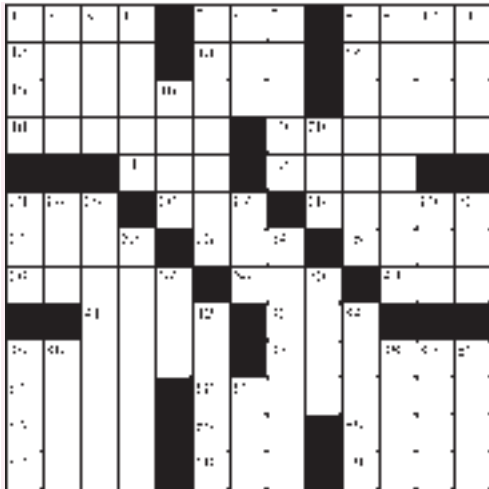
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# Watchmen in trouble

Film studio Twentieth Century Fox has applied to block the release of Watchmen, based on the comic books written by Alan Moore. Fox, which says it bought film rights to the series in the 1980s, has been given the go-ahead to launch an injunction against rival Warner Bros. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Take Five



### Crossword down

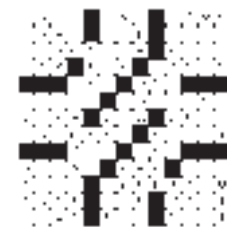
- 1 H.H. Munro's pseudonym
- 2 Borrower's burden
- 3 Pastoral piece
- 4 Small plateaus
- 5 Vaccine supplement
- 6 Author Fleming
- 7 Staff of life
- 8 ATV's place
- 9 Nonsense
- 10 Fat
- 11 Leg part
- 16 Doppelganger
- 20 A billion years
- 23 Resort
- 24 Joan of —
- 25 Big name in aircraft
- 27 Symbol of intrigue
- 29 Leading lady?
- 30 NASDAQ counterpart
- 32 Bedtime recitations
- 34 Talk about
- 37 Every iota
- 39 Cherished
- 42 English county
- 44 Devoted groups
- 45 Reverberate
- 46 Trampled
- 48 Chimney dust
- 49 Beige
- 50 Pallet
- 53 Luau bowlful

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### Crossword across

- 1 Slender
- 5 Clothing protector
- 8 Russian city
- 12 Helper
- 13 Rowing tool
- 14 Satyrlike creature
- 15 Pennsylvania, the — State
- 17 Run away
- 18 The Bushes, to Henry Hager
- 19 Add carbon dioxide
- 21 Perch
- 22 "Let's Make a Deal" option
- 23 Bando of baseball lore
- 26 Fresh
- 28 Unadorned
- 31 Support
- 33 Roulette bet
- 35 "Whip It" group
- 36 Capital of Ghana
- 38 "The Price Is Right" guess
- 40 Archer's bow wood
- 41 Money, slangily
- 43 Moment
- 45 Some alcohols
- 47 Reasons
- 51 Algonquian language
- 52 Morgan of "Super Size Me"
- 54 Gardener, at times
- 55 Dawn goddess
- 56 Actress Spelling
- 57 Probability
- 58 Greek consonants
- 59 Poker variety

previous day's answer



### Horoscopes

#### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Improvement in a love affair creates good cheer. A fantasy will come to light. Persistence will produce huge dividends.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Unnecessary anxieties need to be thought through. Conflict arises between desires and principles. Ease the pain of unrequited love.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

A careless person makes another blunder. A woman's deceit baffles everyone. Be courageous in defining your boundaries.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Women will involve you in an uncertain situation. You'll be a happy island in a sea of gloom. Consult a legal expert about a dispute.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Your animal magnetism is at a high point. Something precious is coming your way. Don't put too much stock in a tricky scheme.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Sympathy is given after a speech about liberty. Make it easier for someone to take you seriously. Say goodbye to childish things.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Make the best decision for everyone. Therapy is necessary for someone in crisis. A distress signal shouldn't be ignored.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Get rid of things that you don't need. Make space in your agenda for new ventures. Help someone to deal with reality.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Remarkable news is overheard. Obstacles will contribute to better problem solving. A hearty person's hasty words will lead to grief.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A scathing remark from a friend causes disquiet. Pay attention to alarms. Frustration results from interference.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

A special friend has good times in mind. Show someone your true colours. Get inspiration from a smart man.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MAR 20**

The truth comes out after a mysterious encounter. Comments will fly fast and furiously. Do your best with a dull task.

### Sudoku

	9		5		2		1	
		6	1		3	2		
	2	1				9	6	
			9		8			
4			3	7				2
	7	5				4	9	
		4	7		5	6		
	8		4	9			7	

### WORDY GURDY



#### HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	4	8	2	9	1	5	6	3
2	3	6	4	8	5	9	7	1
1	5	9	6	3	7	8	2	4
4	6	2	9	5	8	1	3	7
5	8	1	7	4	3	6	9	2
3	9	7	1	2	6	4	8	5
6	7	4	3	1	9	2	5	8
8	1	3	5	6	2	7	4	9
9	2	5	8	7	4	3	1	6

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:**

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17-21: ..... Smart  
21-25: ..... Not bad

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**Afternoon**



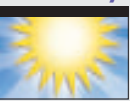
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**Tonight**



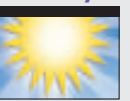
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**Thursday**




Sunny.  
21° / 14°

**Friday**



Sunny.  
25° / 15°

**Saturday**



Partly cloudy.  
25° / 16°


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